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Dear Sweet Home Team,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy, happy and well. I hope that your summer included all of the things that you love to do; at the lake, with family, at the coast, out of state, or wherever seeking joy takes you! We work hard, we need to take that time to play, as well.

I was able to spend time with family and friends on the coast celebrating our son's graduation, and in my book-time spent with family and friends around a campfire is time well spent. Following that, my son and I were able to go catch and release fishing for sturgeon, and we caught quite a few in the 4' to 6' range, including two green sturgeon. Those green fish are totally different, real dinosaurs! Our state offers amazing opportunities to enjoy the beauty around us.

As we look ahead to the school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for working for our district, and allowing me to be our district leader. I take pride in my work, I'm excited about our district, and look forward to a great year working with and getting to know our wonderful employees better as we all work together to improve student learning in Sweet Home! We are the district and we are the ones that are making good things happen. We have incredible opportunities this year, so let us focus on supporting one another and doing great things moving forward!

If you have not already heard about the Orange Frog, check with your administrator, or keep your eyes peeled. More information will be coming soon about "choosing happiness" and becoming orange! This is as simple as it is profound—we are all as happy as we choose to be. Rain will fall (though not much this summer!) in all of our lives, but just as we encourage our students, we need to support and encourage one another.

The Orange Frog story comes from the Happiness Institute at Harvard. I was not aware, either, that Harvard has a Happiness Institute, but they do. From a leadership perspective, my expectation is that as staff we all pour into our students. If we need to pour into our students, we all need to be filled, as well. My simple wish for our start up is for staff to get back together, meet new team members, get some information, laugh together, and leave with a smile—we will be off to a good start!

Attached you will also find information on our District Wide In-service which will be held on Monday, August 29, 2022. Both school year and payroll calendars are found on our website.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Terry Martin  
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